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MASSACHUSETTS MAN SENTENCED FOR DRUG SALES

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and DEA Special Agent in Charge June W. Stansbury announced today that Carlos Pineda-Suarez, 41, formerly of East Boston, Massachusetts, and Colombia, was sentenced to 40 months in federal prison following his conviction for participating in four sales of cocaine to undercover law enforcement officers. Pineda-Suarez was also sentenced to a three year period of supervised release. During the term of his supervised release, Pineda-Suarez's behavior will be monitored by the United States Probation Office. Pineda-Suarez is also subject to deportation.

Pineda-Suarez pleaded guilty on September 21, 2005 to four counts of selling cocaine between February 26, 2004 and April 2, 2004. Unbeknownst to Pineda-Suarez, the drug sales were to undercover law enforcement officers. The sales totaled more than one kilogram of cocaine.

U.S. Attorney Tom Colantuono stated: "This office will continue to work with the Drug Enforcement Administration and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to combat the sale of illegal drugs by investigating and prosecuting those who would engage in this illicit business. By prosecuting individuals such as this defendant, we hope to stem the flow of drugs in our cities and towns and prevent drug dealers from establishing a foothold in New Hampshire."

The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Aixa Maldonado and Don Feith.